7. Rs. 343 under "11-A. 5- (b) Public Gardens—Other Charges"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 343 under "11-A-5 (*b*) Public Gardens—Other charges". The additional allotment is required for giving honorarium to Mr. C. Ramanuja Menon (now Hortiuclture Assistant, Agricultural Department) for the period he was cultivating the gardens at Trichur. The net income from the gardens comes to Rs. 868—12—11, and it has been proposed to pay Mr. Ramanuja Menon, Honorarium at the rate of Rs. 25 per mensem from 9th September 1941 to 1st December 1942, the period he was attending to the work as Honorary Horticultural Assistant. As there is no other source for meeting this expenditure, an additional allotment of Rs. 343 is necessary under the above item. I request that the grant may be allowed.

Demand put and carried

8. Rs. 23—0—0 under "4-Co-operative Societies—Co-operative Dearness Allowance—by transfer from "4 Co-operative Societies—Registrar"— *(Non-Votable)*

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I move for the transfer of Rs. 23 for "4-Co-operative Societies—Co-operative Dearness Allowance" from "4-Co-operative Societies —Registrar". The final accounts of 1118 show that the total expenditure under votable heads under "4—Co-operative Societies" have exceeded the budget allotment by Rs. 22—12—0 (Rs. 23 in round figures). This excess was due to the payment of Dearness Allowance. There are sufficient savings under the non-votable head "Registrar". Hence the transfer of allotment of Rs. 23 from "Registrar (Non-Votable)" to "Co-operative—Dearness Allowance (Votable)" under "4—Co-operative Societies" is proposed. I request that the transfer may be allowed.

Demand put and carried

9. Rs. 200 under "33-Industries—Transferred—F. Other Charges—Handmade paper-makig"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 200 under "33—Industries—Transferred—F. Other charges—Handmade paper-making". It is proposed to send the paper expert to Mysore and Bezwada to study the improved methods of making paper by hand. The expenditure in connection with his journey is estimated at Rs. 200. There will not be sufficient savings in the budget to meet this expenditure. Hence the necessity for an additional allotment of Rs. 200. under "33 Industries—Transferred. F—Other charges—Handmade paper". I request that this grant may be allowed.

Demand put and carried.

10. Rs. 2,787—0—0 under "36 Uplift of the Depressed Classes—A. General Colonies"— *(Not moved)*

11. Rs. 4,000—0—0 „ "15—1—Telegraph charges"

12. Rs. 400—0—0 „ "15—1—Postage charges"

13. Rs. 1,250—0—0 „ "15—1—Service labels"—

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I beg to move for additional allotments of Rs. 4,000 under "15—1—Telegraph charges", Rs. 400 under "15—1—Postage charges", and Rs. 1,250 under "15—1—Service Labels". "15—1" refers to the Secretariat and the increase under Telegraph charges, postage charges and Service labels is purely on account of the general increase in the rates. I request that the House may be pleased to vote this grant.

Demand put and carried

14. Rs. 2,400—0—0 under "15—7—Committees—Allowances"

15. Rs. 250—0—0 „ "15—7—Committees—Contingency"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I move for Rs. 2,400 under "15—7—Committees—Allowances" and under the same head Rs. 250 "under Committees—Contingency". I request that the House will be pleased to vote these grants. The increase in the grant under "Committees—Allowances" is due to the extension of the term of the existing committees and under "contingency" is mostly due to the advertisement charges yet to be paid.

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Mr. President: Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan has given notice of a cut motion. Does he wish to move it?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I move that demand No. 14 "Committees—Allowances" to the extent of Rs. 2,400 be reduced by one rupee. The object of the motion is to request the Government that they may be pleased to print the whole evidence, if possible, or at least extracts of the whole evidence collected by the Tenancy Committee that have been sitting for the last one year nearly, upon the very important question of amending the existing Tenancy Act with its effect upon the recently passed Verumpattamdars Act. I understand that the committee has been doing laborious work throughout the whole period and they have almost come to the very close of their labours. The report I understand, Sir, is being drafted and a draft Bill is also being considered by the committee. The chances are that we may have the draft Bill introduced by Government perhaps during the Budget Session; and the suggestion that is made through this cut motion is that by that time honourable members of this House may be supplied with the collected evidence, if possible wholly and if that is not quite possible consideration being had to various circumstances, the important extracts thereof, so that the members may have the opportunity individually to scrutinise the evidence collected and see how far the report submitted by the very efficient committee, as also their draft Bill is acceptable whether any deviations are necessary and so that we may have opportunity of an independent study of the evidence and not to rely completely and solely upon the report which will certainly be on lines of the useful evidence that has been collected. That is the suggestion. Instances there have been previously also on similar occasions. When the Verumpattam Tenants Bill—non official Bill—was introduced in this Council, it was circulated for opinion being collected from the public and the collected opinion in extenso was got printed by the Government and circulated among the members before the next stage of the Bill came, with the result that the Bill could not be proceeded further. Not that I wish a similar fate may befall the important Bill that is being drafted, but that it may be as effective as possible. That is the object. I hope Government will not have much difficulty in accepting the proposition. It is not intended as a censure upon the Government or intended to be put to vote. It is a suggestion thrown to the Government for their consideration and ap propriate action.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I believe the Honourable Member wished to have the oral evidence as well as the replies received to the questionnaire printed in extenso. With regard to the replies to the questionnaire I think it will be quite enough, if we confine to the extracts, because as the honourable member knows it will be a sheer waste of time and paper. So necessary extracts can also be given Government have no objection to print the oral evidence in full as also to give relevant extracts of the written memorandam received. I do not think that this cut motion should be pressed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In view of the answer given I do not press the cut motion. If the Council be pleased to grant me leave I beg to withdraw the cut motion.

Cut motion by leave wthdrawn and demand put and carried

16. Rs. 600 under "15—1—Huzur Secretariat—Tour charges"
17. Rs. 1,500 under "15—1—Huzur Secretariat—Travelling allowance for the Diwan and his personal staff"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I move for Rs. 600—under "15—1—Huzur Secretariat. . Tour charges, and Rs. 1,500 under "15—1—Huzur Secretariat—Travelling allowance for the Diwan and his personal staff". I request that the House may be pleased to vote these two grants.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I move Sir, that the amount of Rs. 1,500 be reduced by Re 1. As stated in cut motion the object is to request the Government that the Diwan may be pleased in his extensive tours to visit the villages also. We are extremely glad, Sir, that our present Diwan is undertaking tours which are very much appriciated in the areas which had been visited by him. But as things stand, the tours have been almost in all cases been limited to important centres only not that I complain about that. But the cut motion is the result of my eagerness to see that the Diwan, a trained British Civilian in whom the idea and the utility of visit in areas and getting into contact with the people is increasing, may be pleased to extend his tours, to the villages too. It is only to throw out that suggestion that I sent up the cut. It may be done as far as possible. It may not be possible for the Diwan to visit all the villages all at once, but the villages may be kept in mind. I am not going to press this cut motion.

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